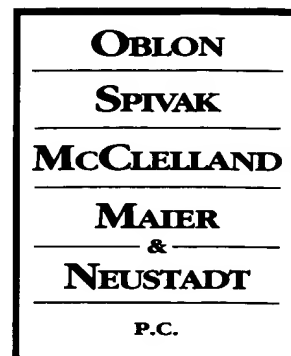




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$-0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Election of Species requirement dated February 11, 2003,  
Applicants provisionally elect Embodiment I of Figure 1 and identify Claims 1-7 as readable  
on the provisionally elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

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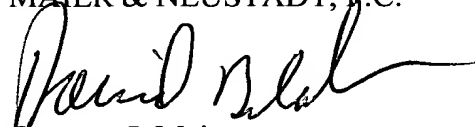
... If the search and examination of an entire application can  
be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it  
on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or  
independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.  
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Election requirement on the  
grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious*  
burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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